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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Response to initial review for Levan Gypsum Mine, M/023/016, Juab County.

Dear Mr. Hedberg

Geneva Rock has received the initial review of the Large Mining permit application. In the review letter you had asked that a response was given within 30 days. This has proven to be difficult for us because of two of the items that needed responses. First, a question was raised about the location and effects on the golden eagle's nests in the vicinity (109.2). Finding the exact location and condition of the nests may take some field investigation because the State Division of Wildlife Resources is not in the habit of releasing that type of information. The three nests located within the 0.5 mile radius of the site are actually within 0.5 miles from the boundaries of the claims and not necessarily the actual mining operations. If the nests are actually more than 0.5 mile away from the actual mining operations the State Division of Wildlife Resources agrees that the effects of the mining will be negligible on the birds. If the nests are located within 0.5 miles of the actual mining operations but are not active (no birds nesting) then there is no impact. For this reason further research is being done which may include direct observation when the site is accessible.

Second, the information needed for the variance of the high-wall requirements (111.7), will require a geotechnical report to be submitted. This report will require direct investigation at the site and cannot be done until the site is accessible.

It is expected that the site will be accessible soon but as of April 12, 2001 snow is still falling on the valley floor. A complete response will be completed as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

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